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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1915.

WILL BE NO FIFTH WARD OF THE CITY

Common Council Concurs in
Action of Board of
Aldermen

A. J. POHL IS ELECTED

Measure Introduced for Redistrict-
tion Greater City and Equalizing
the Four Wards.

Alexandria's city council will not be increased because of the annexation of territory from Alexandria and Fairfax counties, but will remain as at present. This was decided last night when the lower board of council concurred in the action of the Board of Aldermen and passed an ordinance adding the new territory to the existing wards. The vote in council was close, eight favoring the measure, while six voted to send it back to a committee for the purpose of redistricting the city into five wards. Before the passage of the ordinance there was a long debate, among those opposing the measure being Councilmen Brumback and Brockett. Immediately after its passage it was signed by Mayor Thomas A. Fisher.

The Common Council elected A. J. Pohl, a resident of Rosemont, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Robert L. Monroe.

The tax rate for Alexandria city for the next fiscal year commencing on June 1st, was fixed by the Common Council at \$1.80 on the \$100, payable on July 1st, with a discount of 5 per cent and 25 cents on each \$100 payable on December 1st. This latter tax was formerly paid to the state, but under the new segregation tax measure it goes to the city. Residents of the annexed territory will pay the same rate as collected by the counties previous to annexation.

A communication was read from Attorney John M. Johnson, who represented the city in the annexation suit, suggesting giving each ward in the city equal representation in proportion to the population. It showed the population of the wards previous to the annexation to be as follows: First, 3,151; Second, 3,115; Third, 4,868; Fourth, 4,195.

Board of Aldermen
No new business was presented in the Board of Aldermen last night, and most of the two hours spent in the chamber was consumed in recesses. There was nothing in the nature of a discussion, all the votes being unanimous.

Two papers, laid over under the Council at the last meeting had adopted the report of the finance committee recommending an appropriation of \$16,182.58 to pay Fairfax county the amount allotted by the Court of Appeals. This was concurred in.

The report of the committees on finance and schools making an appropriation of \$1,500 with which to continue the Public Schools until the close of the present session, also received from the lower board at the last meeting, was adopted.

The board concurred in the action of all the other papers sent in, and later adjourned to meet Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock to consider the tax ordinance, passed by the lower board last night.

Common Council
The lower board spent more than two hours last night in a session that ranged from the handling of routine business sharp colloquy.

The tax ordinance reported from the finance committee provides for a rate of \$1.80 with a discount of 5 per cent for taxes paid before July 1st, and 3 per cent for those paid before September 1st on the territory within the old city limits. This is the same as the rate last year. It also provides that the tax rate in the newly annexed portion of the city should be the same as the rate in this section for the year 1915. In addition a tax of 25c on \$100 is imposed on all real estate and personal property in the city as

now constituted. This 25c being in lieu of the old state tax which the new state law abolishes.

As Capt. Bryan explained these rates mean no increase, but are identical with those in force last year.

A letter was received from the Mayor stating that he did not wholly approve of the ordinance granting a telephone franchise and had not signed it. But as Council had been so overwhelmingly in favor of this franchise, he had not vetoed but had allowed it to become a law without his signature.

Council then took up the majority and minority reports of the adjustments of the ward lines to take in the new territory.

As has been stated, the majority report provides for the extension of the Third and Fourth wards, and the minority report for the forming of a Fifth ward.

Mr. Brumback spoke in favor of the minority report, but thought that a Fifth ward would carry out the ideas of Mr. John M. Johnson, who was perhaps more familiar with the conditions surrounding annexation than any member of Council. It would also fulfill the wishes of the residents of this section. Mr. Brumback also called attention to the present inequality of the population in the wards. He said the First and Second wards contained about 3,100 people each; the Third ward nearly 5,000 and the Fourth ward about 4,500. He believed that the city should not add to the Third and Fourth wards but should take from them. He also said that the city was redistricted in 1903, and that the law provides that it should be redistricted every 10 years thereafter, and that Council had neglected this duty.

Mr. Brockett favored the Fifth ward of equal size, and believed that the representatives of each ward should be reduced to one Aldermen and two members of the Common Council. He further stated that it would be a good idea, in his opinion, if every member of the Council would resign and have a special election called this summer to elect an entirely new body.

Mr. Bendheim explained the entire situation at length, and said that a census of the wards would have to be taken before the ward lines could be revised properly.

Mr. Brumback moved to non-concur in the action of the Aldermen in adopting a majority report not referring the entire matter back to the committee with instructions to redistrict the city.

Mr. Brumback's motion was lost by a vote of 6 to 8. Those voting against were Messrs. Leadbeater, H. R. Burke, C. S. T. Burke, Brumback, Brockett and Harrison. Those voting for Messrs. Marbury, Wattles, Desmond, Bales, Bendheim, Bryan, Lawler and Smith.

The ordinance was passed by the same vote later.

The chair announced that the ordinance had been returned to him signed by the Mayor, and Mr. Bales at once moved that Council go into an election and fill the vacancy from the Third ward.

Mr. Brockett objected to this, saying he could see no reason for this undue haste. This was the first time during six years that he has served in Council that the Mayor had seen fit to sign and return any ordinance on the night of its passage, and he felt that on account of the changing conditions Council should be given a little time to consider the matter.

Mr. Bales's motion prevailed, and Mr. Bales nominated Mr. August J. Pohl. Mr. Brockett nominated Mr. Arthur Herbert.

Mr. Harrison asked Mr. Bales if Mr. Pohl was a voter in the Third ward.

Mr. Bales said that he could not answer this.

Mr. Bendheim gave his views of the subject at length.

Mr. Brockett asked if the election of Mr. Pohl would be legal.

Mr. Brumback seemed to think there was a serious question of the legality, and thought the matter should be investigated.

Mr. Bendheim insisted that the election take place at once. This led to an exciting colloquy between Mr. Bendheim and Mr. Brockett which was cut short by a point of order being made.

On roll call Mr. Pohl was elected, receiving 8 votes as follows: Messrs. Marbury, Wattles, Desmond, Bales, Bendheim, Bryan, Lawler and Smith. Mr. Herbert received 6 votes as fol-

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CEREMONIES AT BRADDOCK TODAY

Marker Will Designate
Route Taken by General
April, 1755

PLACED IN TRIANGLE

Speeches by Miss Helen N. Cummings, Chairman Committee of Dames, and Mayor Fisher.

Colonial Dames from all parts of Virginia and many distinguished guests from Washington and vicinity gathered in Alexandria today for the ceremonies this afternoon in connection with the unveiling of a marker in Braddock Heights to designate the commencement of the route taken by General Braddock when he left this city for Ft. Duquesne in April 1755.

The monument, which is located in a triangle formed by the Mt. Vernon Highway and the Braddock Road, in Braddock Heights, near the northern boundary of the city, has as its most distinctive feature one of the cannon which were abandoned by General Braddock in 1755 in this city. For many years they were used to mark the corners of the streets but several years ago were taken up and presented to Mt. Vernon Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. And from this organization were received by the Colonial Dames.

The base of the monument is constructed of cobble stones which tradition says were placed in the streets of Alexandria by Hessian soldiers, who were captured during the Revolutionary war. The stones have been cemented together in a mass and on one side is placed a tablet bearing the following inscription: "This monument marks the trail taken by the army of General Braddock, which left in April, 1755, to defend the western frontier against the French and Indians; erected by the Society of the Colonial Dames of Virginia, May 26, 1915." On the other side the tablet reads as follows: "The cannon used here was abandoned by General Braddock at old Alexandria, April 1755. The cobblestones composing the mound were taken from the streets of Alexandria where they were placed in 1785 by act of the Virginia House of Burgesses."

The official program commenced today with a luncheon given by Miss Rose McDonald to the visitors. The unveiling exercises commenced at 2 o'clock.

Rev. William J. Morton, rector of Christ Church asked a blessing and the address of welcome was delivered by Miss Helen Cummings, president of the Alexandria committee of the Colonial Dames. Miss Cummings said:

"In the good old Anglo Saxon meaning of the word you are truly welcome. Twice within the year you have come to Alexandria and twice your coming has been well for Alexandria. The reason of your coming today is to carry our thoughts far back into the shadowy past and to emphasize one of the great events that crowd in quick succession along this old Colonial Highway. When Caesar's troops pressed on to England the good road movement was pushed with vigor and we still have evidences today of how good those roads were made."

"England learned this lesson early in her national life that good roads are necessary to conquest and when her sons established themselves in these Colonies they found the great necessity for good roads."

"It is said that the cows laid out the streets of Boston but the roads in Virginia were the original Indian trails which the colonists wisely developed. And if Barrie found material enough from the glimpse of life he caught from 'A window in Thrums' to write a book, what inexhaustible volumes might be written about the throng of famous people that have passed along this first public post road in the colonies."

"Like phantoms that gather in the midst of memory one sees the little army with flags flying and with every thought of success, except perhaps in the mind of Washington, they passed this very spot."

"Blithely the red coats and the Virginians marched out of the town, over the King's highway. For them it was only a matter of glory with no shadows of thought that it would lead so speedily to the grave, and when ten weeks later Braddock and so many of his English soldiers lost their lives in that terrific struggle at Monongahela 25 of the 29 Alexandrians who went forth to battle were left dead upon the field."

"That there was a remnant to bring back was due to a young officer from Mt. Vernon, Virginia, who saved the day."

"It was stated in the official record that 'the Virginia officers and troops behaved like men and died like soldiers.'"

"Thus England gave them their full share of glory. The cry has come in this generation for the good roads movement. It is well that the Colonial Dames should call attention to the old Colonial roads used by so many of their illustrious ancestors. It is well that the land mark on the way should have a fitting monument as they preserve the great epoch making periods of our history. It is well that you have come to do the work that you are doing. It is well to emphasize the past, with its love and loyalty and patriotism, and again in the name of the Alexandria Dames I say that you are welcome."

The work of the Braddock road committee was explained by Mrs. Benjamin Purcell, of Richmond, chairman of the state committee in charge of the movement to mark the trail. The cannon were presented by Miss Rose McDonald, of this city, and accepted by Mrs. James Lyons, of Richmond, acting for Mrs. Ruffin Cox, president of the Colonial Dames of Virginia. Mayor Thomas A. Fisher, accepted the monument on behalf of the city.

In his address the Mayor placed a graceful tribute to the part women have taken in the various wars of history. He said:

"War is sometimes resorted to from necessity and is justified in defending the rights and liberties of the people. Such was unquestionably the character of the Revolutionary War. We of the south have proffered no excuse to any one for the four years' 1861-1865, when a halcyon and less fed army suffered and died, until there was left only a man and a musket. Yet, in all the tide of time in war and peace, woman has played no unimportant part. Indeed I am in the bounds of candor and truth when I say she has done more than her share in time of trouble and strife. From the days of Mollie Pitcher who was at the side of the guns, it has been the inspiration of 'The woman behind the man, behind the gun, that made success possible, or soothed the pangs of defeat. This was never more evident than today.'"

The principal address will be made by Assistant Attorney General Samuel Graham.

Little Caroline Morton and Courtney Cochran will draw the cords which will unveil the marker. Benediction will be pronounced by Rev. Dr. S. A. Wallis, of the Theological Seminary.

NEW BRITISH CABINET

Aisquith, Grey and Kitchener Will Retain Their Portfolios

London, May 26.—An official announcement as to the composition of the new cabinet was made last night by the Press Bureau.

Mr. Asquith remains as premier. Reginald McKenna, the present home secretary, becomes chancellor of the exchequer.

Sir Edward Grey remains as foreign secretary.

Arthur J. Balfour, Unionist leader becomes first lord of the admiralty, in place of Winston Churchill.

Lord Kitchener remains as secretary of war.

Lloyd-George becomes minister of munitions, a newly created office. Winston Churchill becomes chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Lord Lansdowne takes a seat in the cabinet, but without a portfolio.

THE F-4 IS BEING RAISED.

Honolulu, May 26.—The submarine F-4, which sank in Honolulu harbor two months ago, has been raised to within 108 feet of the surface. It is thought it will be brought to the surface on Thursday.

AMERICAN SHIP MEETS MISHAP

Nebraskan Torpedoed or
Struck a Mine in the
Irish Sea

STEAMER IN BALLAST.

Nothing Received to Show Warning
Had Been Given by Submarine—
No One Reported Lost.

London, May 26.—The American steamer Nebraskan, sailing under the United States flag, has been torpedoed it was announced officially here today.

Washington, May 26.—Official confirmation of the torpedoing of the American steamer Nebraskan was received at the State Department at 10:30 this morning from Consul General Skinner at London.

The dispatch of the consul general follows:

"Admiralty reports American steamer Nebraskan, Liverpool for Delaware Breakwater, torpedoed forty miles south by west of Fastnet Crew in boats, standing by. Weather fine. No direct reports yet."

State Department officials recognize the gravity of the case as reported by the consul general. Nothing has yet been received to show whether the crew was warned and given a chance to take to the boats.

New York, May 26.—At 10 o'clock the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, owners of the steamer Nebraskan, received a message from Captain Green of that vessel stating that she had been struck either by a mine or a torpedo, but was proceeding under her own steam toward Liverpool.

He gave the location of the explosion as 48 miles west of Fastnet. His message stated that there was water in the vessel's hold.

The Nebraskan had a cargo of ballast and was proceeding from Liverpool to New York.

Fastnet is about sixty miles west of where the Lusitania went down. Capt. G. S. Green, of San Francisco, commanded the steamer. The crew consisted of forty-seven men.

The Nebraskan is a steel-twin-screw steamer of 4,409 tons, owned by the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, and is under American registry from the port of New York. She is 360 feet in length and 46 feet at her beam. She was built in 1902 by the New York Shipbuilding Company at Camden, N. J.

PIEST TO LEAD 500 TO WAR.

Father Ielsi Will Head Reservists From Camden.

Camden, N. J., May 26.—The Rev. Michael L. Ielsi, rector of the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, this city, has announced that he will return to Italy and enter the Italian army. Father Ielsi is about 38 years old, and has been rector of the church for a long time.

Father Ielsi expects to depart for Italy about June 12. He will be accompanied by about 500 Italians from Camden. The declaration of war on Austria by Italy has been the cause of much excitement here, and many Italian reservists have signified their intention of returning to fight for their native country.

Jumps to Death in Niagara.

Niagara Falls, May 26.—A suicide note signed Sadie Malone and giving the address of her father as 420 Oxford street, N. W., London, England, was found this morning at Prospect Point, close to the Falls.

The woman is believed to have come from Buffalo.

GARDEN PARTY.

A garden party for the benefit of the Home of the Aged will be given on Thursday, May 27th, from 5 to 10 p. m. at northwest corner of Washington and Queen street. A pleasant time is promised. Come one, come all. 25-3t.

ITALY'S NOTE TO THE WORLD.

Explains Her Reasons for Declaring War On Austria

Italy has addressed to the neutral governments of the world a lengthy communication explaining her reasons for declaring war on Austria. Count di Celiere, the Italian Ambassador, presented the document to Secretary Bryan yesterday in the form of a note to the United States government.

It reviews negotiations between Italy and Austria, revealing that they began immediately upon the dispatch of Austria's ultimatum to Serbia. Italy claimed then that the action of Austria disturbed the equilibrium of the Balkans and the peace of Europe in a way that vitally affected Italian interest. As an ally of Austria, Italy asserts the right to have been consulted before the sending of the ultimatum the first news of which was received through the newspapers.

ITALY'S ENTRY INTO THE WAR

Russian Foreign Minister Says Her Action Will Shorten Conflict

Petrograd, May 26.—"Italy's entry into the war will make the war much shorter in duration; it will have an enormous influence on the attitude of neutral countries, and it will lead to the reapproachment of states whose interests seem at present to be opposed," said Sergius Sazonoff, the Russian foreign minister, on being interviewed today by the correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company.

"In any case," the foreign minister continued, "no hostile power can henceforth be reinforced at the expense of any neutral country whatever."

Concerning Bulgaria, M. Sazonoff said he did not believe that she would move against Russia under any circumstances. He declared that the Italo-Serbian relations were perfectly amicable and that Russia's task with regard to Serbia would not be fulfilled unless Serbia received a free outlet on the Adriatic.

GOADED TO MURDER, SHE SAYS.

17-Year-Old Slayer of Betrayer Tells Pitiful Tale.

Philadelphia, May 26.—"My heart was breaking and I was ready to go down on my knees to him, but he spat in my face. His friends used to laugh at me when I passed on the street, and I had to keep my head down so I wouldn't see. But I could hear them."

"I took the pistol only to scare him. I don't know what happened afterward. I only know that I was running and that I wanted to run to the end of the world. Then people grabbed me and almost tore my clothes away. Then they brought me here."

This is the story told by 17-year-old Ida Riehl when arraigned in the coroner's office yesterday for shooting and killing Edmond Hauptfuhrer, 20 years old, who, she declared, had betrayed her and refused to marry her. The shooting occurred Sunday. In her cell she broke down and called upon God to pardon her sin, if she had sinned, and to bless her baby. Her father took her in his arms. "I'll stick, little girl," he sobbed. "I'll stick all the way through."

Select Hard Shell and Devil Crabs at Jacob Brills Foot of King street.

GARDEN PARTY

—Benefit of—
Home of the Aged
N. W. Corner Washington and Queen Streets.

MAY 27th
Tickets 15c Including Cream and Cake
5 to 10 o'clock

ITALIAN ARMIES ENTER THE TYROL

Occupy Several Villages and
Important Mountain
Passes.

ENEMY IS RETIRING

Victor Emmanuel's Troops Said to be Meeting With Little Opposition as it Crosses Frontier.

Rome, May 26.—Italian armies have invaded the Austrian Tyrol, occupying several villages and important mountain passes and capturing high Alpine peaks, the war office announces in an official bulletin today.

The high defiles of the Brenta river valley have been occupied by the invading forces. A fierce bayonet battle along the Carnia frontier resulted in the capture of Val Inferno pass by the Italian forces.

"On the Briuli frontier, our offensive operations continue," said the official bulletin. "The enemy everywhere is retiring."

An Italian army that moved northward through Verona apparently met with little opposition as it crossed the Trentino frontier into Austrian Tyrol. Monte Baldo, a high peak between the Adige river and Lake Di Gardi, was occupied by Italian troops.

COLLISION AT SEA

Passenger and Freight Steamer Come Together During Fog

New York, May 26.—The Holland-American liner Ryndam, bound from New York to Rotterdam, with seventy-eight passengers and a crew of 160, collided with the Norwegian freight steamer Joseph J. Cuneo, off Nantucket island, early this morning in a heavy fog.

A wireless message to her agents here said that the Ryndam's passengers and crew have been transferred to the Cuneo.

The Ryndam is still afloat and about 150 miles off Ambrose lightship, the message said.

The American battle squadron engaged in maneuvers off the New England coast is standing by.

Two of the liner's holds are full of water and the water "is gaining," according to the wireless message. The Ryndam is proceeding into the New York harbor at thirteen miles an hour and at this rate is due to arrive here some time tonight.

MISS WEST HEADS MACCABEES.

Unanimously Re-Elected by Benefit Association.

New York, Haven, May 26.—Miss Bina M. West, of Port Huron, Mich., Women's Benefit Association, Ladies of the Maccabees of the World, her re-election being unanimous at yesterday's session of the convention. Other officers chosen for the next quadrennial term are:

Senior Past Commander—Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Bradford, Pa.

Acting Past Supreme Commander—Mrs. Laura B. Hart, San Antonio, Texas.

Supreme Commander—Miss Bina M. West, Port Huron, Mich.

Supreme Lieutenant Commander—Mrs. Nellie C. V. Heppert, Akron, Ohio.

Supreme Record Keeper—Miss Frances D. Partridge, Port Hudson, Mich.

Supreme Finance Keeper—Mrs. M. Louise Hinrichs, Chicago.

FOUND WIFE HANGING

York Man Cut Woman Down And She Was Revived

York, Pa., May 26.—Edwin Staugh found his wife Monday hanging from a rafter by a binder twine in the attic of their summer house. She was unconscious.

Mr. Staugh cut the rope and carried her into the home and summoned Dr. N. C. Wallace, who succeeded in reviving her.